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CHUNGKING ON THREE POSSIBLE MOVES FOR JAPAN: INVASION OF YUNNAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF CUTTING OFF BURMA ROAD

Pacific Position Of America Greatly Strengthened

There are three possible moves for Japan following the reorganisation of the Konoie Cabinet.

FIRSTLY, a blockade of Vladivostock together with a land invasion into Siberia; SECONDLY, the seizure of South Indo-China with renewed pressure on Thailand;

THIRDLY, an invasion of Yunnan for the purpose of cutting off the Burma Road—according to well-informed observers in Chungking, says Reuter.

Reference to a possible Japanese move northward or southward, appearing in the official CENTRAL DAILY NEWS yesterday morning, states: "The position of the United States in the Pacific is greatly strengthened by the latest international developments. There are three possible routes by which the United States may attack Japan—the northern route via Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, the centre route via Hawaii, Wake Island and Guam, and the southern route via Hawaii and Samoa."

LIMITED TIME IN COMMONS

IMPORTANCE OF RECENT DEBATE

"In the House of Commons where time is limited members naturally don't waste time pattering the Government on the back for what it does well. They use every valuable minute to point out what is not right," said MR. E. A. MONTAGUE in his weekly commentary broadcast from London yesterday.

Mr. Montague was referring to the two-day debate on production and said that the fact that the Prime Minister would make a full statement at the next day's debate was a tribute to the importance of the subject.

The debate on production, said Mr. Montague, was valuable although some of the statements were wild and exaggerated.

Mr. Montague went on to say that according to Mr. Evin, the Labour Minister, Britain's shipbuilding was 30 to 40 per cent above that reached during the busiest period of the last war. We had now more bombers and bombs and the weight of bombs dropped on Germany each month was more than she could drop on Britain; even in the supreme attacks last autumn.

JAPAN APPARENTLY AT CROSS-ROADS

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter)—The SUNDAY TIMES, in an editorial, says: "Japan is apparently at the cross-roads. Who put her there? Japan. Nobody else."

"One of these roads leads to the north, the other south, and both lead to something more than mere geography. At the end of the northern road, there is Russia. There is also the Russian Far Eastern Army, self-sustaining and well-equipped.

"The Russo-Japanese clashes on any considerable scale lately have been rare; but in the only one any magnitude has hitherto occurred—the Nomohan affair—Japan met with a resounding reverse.

"The quality of the Russian Army has since been still further accentuated by its really magnificent resistance of the German aggression; anyone who bases his expectation of the easy pickings on Russia's indifferent military performance against Finland is doomed to a sharp awakening. Japanese extremists would do well to think on these things.

"Any Japanese attack on Indo-China," adds the Sunday Times, "might involve a trespass upon Anglo-American interests. Nobody, either in the British Empire or the United States, would regard

Japanese naval experts hitherto maintained that only the southern route is feasible, but the situation today is entirely different.

The close collaboration between Russia and the United States has rendered the northern route feasible, while with the United States intensifying fortifications in the Pacific, the American Navy can, not only ensure the security of her fleet movements along the centre route, but can effectively her resistance in the near future.

Therefore, it is suggested, Japan may use Indo-China as a base for a drive into Yunnan province for the purpose of cutting off the Burma Road and thereby disrupting the flow of American supplies to Chungking.

NEEDLESS to say, adds the Journalist, the United States' position along the southern route is further strengthened by joint defence measures by the United States, Britain, the Netherlands East Indies and Australia.

In other words, whether Japan wants to move northward or southward, she has very little hope of achieving her objectives.

NEW MAJOR DRIVE?

The announcement of the new Cabinet's determination to settle the China Incident gives rise to speculations whether Japan is on the eve of a new major move against China.

Since Japan is at present withdrawing troops from the Yangtze Valley, there is no likelihood that Japan will undertake a drive to the west towards Chungking, it is felt here.

Any Japanese push westward from Shansi across the Yellow River in the direction of Sian may bring the Japanese troops into China's

TOKYO, July 20 (Reuter)—The chairman of the Japanese boundary commission left for Bangkok yesterday. He was accompanied by 13 members of the mission.

The Committee's recommendations were the decision of a nation which had no doubts about winning the war.

Order Of Service For Consecration Of The Very Rev. John Leonard Wilson As Bishop Of Singapore

THE VERY REVEREND JOHN LEONARD WILSON, M.A., Dean of St. John's Cathedral, will be consecrated Bishop of Singapore in ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL tomorrow (St. Mary Magdalene's Day) at 5.30 p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., will be present.

The Right Rev. Norman S. Binsted, Bishop of the Philippine Islands, being the Senior Bishop, will preside at the Consecration and will be assisted by the Right Revs. R. O. Hall, Mok Shau-tsang and C. T. Song, of Chengtu, Szechuan.

The Order of Service will be as follows:

During the singing of the procession hymn No. 180, "Come, thou holy Paraclete," the choir, clergy and Assistant Bishops will proceed to their allotted seats.

Following the hymn, the Presiding Bishop will begin the Communion Service, the congregation kneeling.

After the Nicene Creed, the Chaplain will conduct Bishop Hall to the pulpit.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Bishop-Designate will be conducted by the Presenting Presbyters to the Vestry where he will put on his Robes.

During his absence the Choir will sing the anthem "Blessed be the God and Father."

MET BY BISHOPS

The Bishop-Designate will then proceed to the Sanctuary where he will be met by the Bishop of Hongkong and the Bishop of Canton and presented to the Presiding Bishop, sitting in his chair near the Holy Table, and the Bishops that present him will say:

"Most Reverent Father In God, we present unto you this godly and well-learned man to be ordained and consecrated Bishop."

The Bishop-Designate and his pre-motor shall then turn to the

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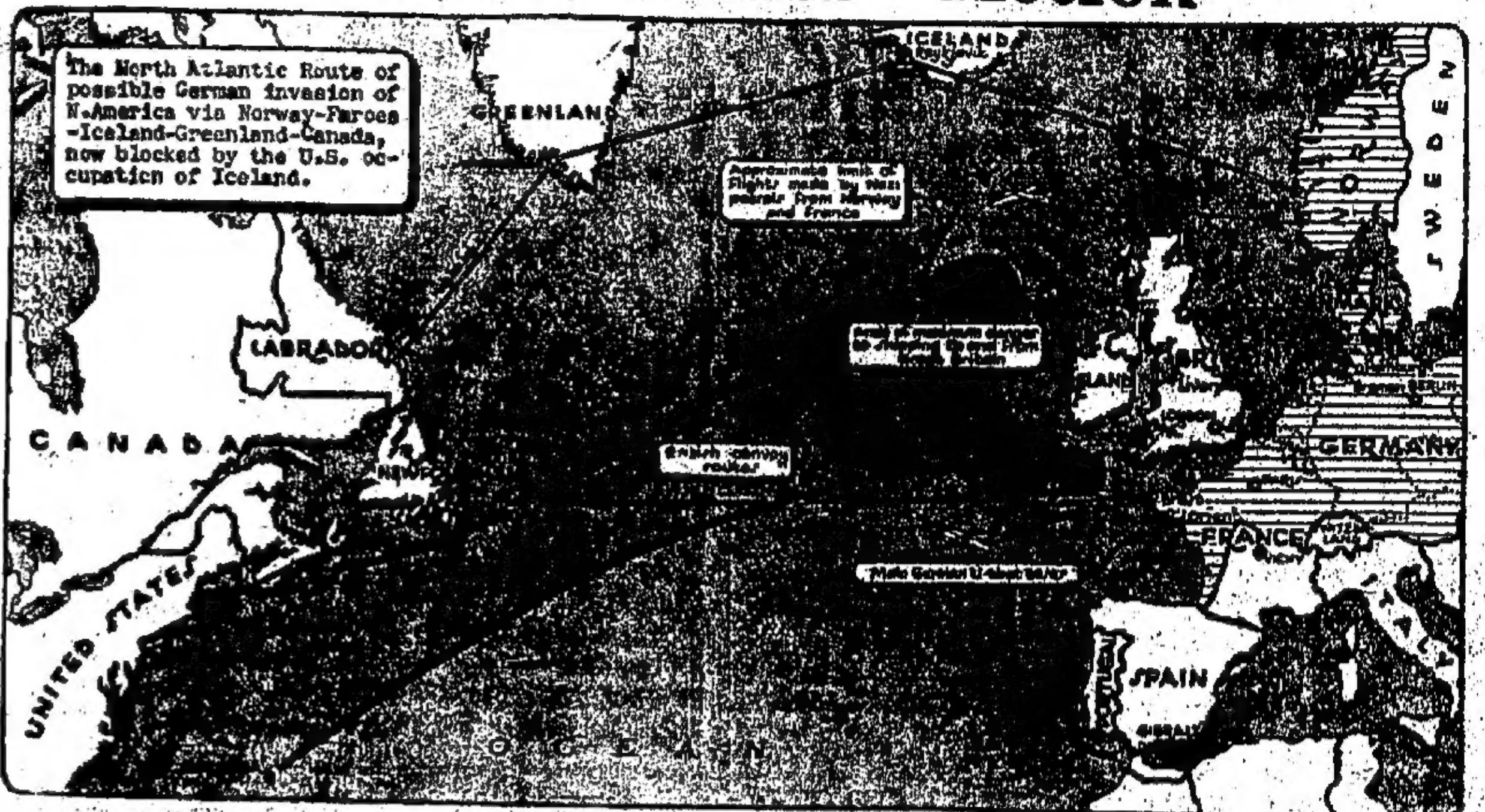
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ONE-THIRD OF AACHEN, MUENSTER DESTROYED: THOROUGH NIGHT PLASTERING: WIDESPREAD HAVOC

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter)—At least one-third of the towns of AACHEN and MUENSTER had been destroyed, says the Air Ministry News Service adding that casualties must have been heavy and that the damage will need several months of intensive labour to repair.

Aachen was "thoroughly plastered" on the night of July 10/11, though it had been previously attacked and loads of high explosive bombs and 7,000 incendiaries fell on the town.

Almost every bomb reached its intended target and the damage subsequently confirmed by reconnaissance is described as "terrific."

Damage was mostly in the centre but no part of the town escaped the fire causing widespread havoc and many areas suffered from the blast.

Crates in the roadways disorganized the public services of water, gas, electricity and telephones.

Three main areas of damage in the centre of the town include municipal and State buildings, commercial houses, warehouses, shopping centres and residential quarters.

The Minister described in a recent German broadcast as "that unhappy city" tells the same tale.

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MOST AMAZING PIECE OF PROPAGANDA

NEW YORK, July 20 (Reuter)—The most amazing piece of propaganda devised in this war, is one radio commentator's description of the "V" for victory campaign.

The NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE declares:

"For those in occupied territories, German capitulation to the V must come as a pure joy. Now they can chalk up the symbol and tap it out in Morse code or thunder out the fifth symphony's beat unmolested with full consciousness that the Germans have openly admitted their inability to check the sweeping chorus of freedom."

CEREMONY OF POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN SYRIA

SIMLA, July 20 (Reuter)—FOLLOWING THE CAPTURE BY INDIAN AND BRITISH TROOPS OF THE VICHY STRONGHOLD DIEREZZOR IN EAST SYRIA A CEREMONY OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TOOK PLACE when, at the request of the local Syrian authorities, the Commander of the British forces formally received the Governor and other Syrian officials of Dierezzor who, until the fall of the city, have been serving the Vichy Government, says a despatch just received from an Indian army observer at Dierezzor.

Promptly at 11 o'clock, only a few minutes after Vichy bombers have paid a morning visit to the British camp, the British Commander set out in a procession from Head quarters to the local town hall where the city fathers were awaiting him.

Two lorries filled with Gurkha sepoys led the way followed by khaki coloured staff cars the procession moved slowly through crowds of enthusiastic towns people.

On arrival at the town hall, the British Commander and other British officers were met by the Civil Governor of Dierezzor, His Excellency Youn Bey Channer. He to see our forces in their country and the excellent behaviour of

the Indian troops has made a deep impression throughout Dierezzor, says the observer.

CRAIGENGOWER SCORES ANOTHER "SWEEP" TO CONSOLIDATE CHAMPIONSHIP CHANCES

Depleted Recreio "A" No Match For Police R.C.

As a result of their overwhelming win over K.C.C. on Saturday, Craigengower are now in a very strong position for the championship in the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League. Recreio "A" were without the services of most of their regulars in their match against Police R.C. and subsequently lost. Recreio "B" provided an upset when they beat Civil Service C.C. thinks mainly to C.A. Lopes's win by 28 shots over J.W. Deakin.

In the Second Division, two divisional records were established by Jimmy Jack's rink (K.C.C.)—13 consecutive scoring ends and 22 shots from these 13 ends—while their feat of scoring at 16 ends equalled the record.

Kowloon B.G.C. and Indian R.C. both won their respective matches in Third Division and the championship in this division promises to be a very open affair.

THE RESULTS

Following are the scores:

FIRST DIVISION CHAMPIONS LOSE

At Happy Valley, Police Recreation Club beat Club de Recreio "A" by 2 rinks to 1 and on aggregate (4 points to 1).

Police:—E. G. Post, J. M. Forrest, J. Orem, J. C. S. Fender (s) 31; C. Gough, C. Plie, G. Perkins, W. Mar (s) 20; W. McLeod, W. B. Harris, W. S. Dall, J. Shepherd (s) 20. Total 71.

Recreio "A":—D. C. Alves, C. E. Marques, J. J. Basto, C. G. Silva (s) 8; L. F. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues, J. E. Noronha, F. C. Silva (s) 26; F. X. Soares, A. F. Noronha, A. P. Guterres, R. F. Luz (s) 19. Total 53.

K.C.C. BEATEN

At Cox's Road, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club on all rinks (5 points to 0).

K.C.C.:—N. D. Lloyd, A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Taylor, N. J. Bebbington (s) 17; A. E. P. Guest, W. W. Parsons, W. Mulcahy, T. A. Madar (s) 19; A. E. Perry, L. Jack, A. W. Smith, E. C. Fletcher (s) 9. Total 45.

C.C.C.:—J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates, B. W. Bradbury (s) 23; A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Bass, U. M. Omar (s) 26; A. A. Razack, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt, C. S. Rossetti (s) 23. Total 82.

AGGREGATE WIN

At King's Park, Club de Recreio "B" lost to Civil Service Cricket Club by 2 rinks to 1, but thanks to a big win by C. A. Lopes over J. W. Deakin, won on aggregate (3 points to 2).

Recreio "B":—A. J. Osmund, A. P. Pereira, C. H. Basto, C. A. Lopes (s) 32; F. A. Machado, C. M. Alves, M. A. Carvalho, C. P. Pereira (s) 14; J. O. Remedios, A. M. Xavier, J. A. Remedios, E. Souza (s) 10. Total 56.

C.S.C.C.:—J. Galletly, J. R. Carr, E. W. Simmonds, J. W. Deakin (s) 9; H. F. Harper, M. Scott, V. S. Ebbage, M. N. Rakusen (s) 21; P. D. Crawley, W. H. Colledge, W. J. Burling, J. F. McGowan (s) 25. Total 55.

INDIANS LOSE

At Austin Road, Kowloon Bowls Green Club "A" beat Indian Recreation Club by 3 rinks to 1 and on aggregate (4 points to 1).

K.B.G.C. "A":—R. P. Phillips, E. Levett, J. McElvane, R. Duncan (s) 28; W. L. Walker, G. W. Deacon, A. Hyde-Lay, A. M. Holland (s) 11; P. Holloway, H. White, P. A. Peckham, A. J. Hall (s) 19. Total 56.

I.R.C.:—J. Hoosen, A. K. Ismail, U. A. Rumjahn, A. R. Dallah (s) 18; A. K. Suffad, M. B. Hassan, A. M. Rumjahn, R. M. Abbas (s) 19; D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, A. H. Rumjahn, A. K. Minu (s) 13. Total 50.

KOWLOON DOCK WINNS

At Austin Road, Kowloon Docks Recreation Club beat Kowloon Bowls Green Club "B" on all rinks (5 points to 0).

K.B.G.C. "B":—H. Blackwell, E. A. Atkins, H. E. Drew, J. G. Meyer (s) 19; W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, H. L. Lockhart, G. H. Sherriff (s) 12; G. W. Elphick, A. J. Rogers, A. Bower, L. Guy (s) 16. Total 42.

K.D.R.C.:—W. Houston, W. D. McMaster, W. Greig, F. Cullen (s) 30; C. R. Logan, F. C. Cleme, J. R. Ramsey, A. Calman (s) 27; R. Lansley, W. Mackie, T. Coleman, M. Ferguson (s) 25. Total 82.

SECOND DIVISION

POINTS FOR K.F.C.

At Happy Valley, Hongkong Football Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 2 rinks to 1, but the team did not score by J. M. Jack over K. S. Robertson, lost on aggregate (3 points to 1).

SATURDAY'S AQUATIC GALAS

NEW RECORD SET AT LAICHIKOK

For the first time this season, three swimming galas were held on a Saturday night, clubs participating were the Chinese Bathing Club and the Chinese A.A. Bathing Club at North Point and the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents' Union at Laichikok.

Tsui Hang, swimming in the Open 60 metres free-style at Lauchuk, clocked 26.8 seconds to better the Chinese National mark by half-a-second, Tsang Cheong-ming, ace sprinter of Lal Tsun and favourite for the race, was beaten by a yard and had to be content with second place.

Sing Tao Swimming Club again showed that they are a combination hard to beat in the 180 metres Medley Relay. At the Chinese Bathing Club, the team comprising Shek Kam-pui (back) Ng Nin (breast-stroke) and Wong Chih-hung (free) won the event quite comfortably from their nearest rivals, C.B.C. "A".

Miss Ho Wal-king, champion lady sprinter of the C.B.C. had little opposition in the 50 metres free-style for ladies, winning the race in 37.1/5 secs.

WELL-JUDGED RACE

Ho Siu-lam, swam a very well-judged race in the 50 metres free-style open to members at the Chinese A.A. Bathing Club gala, which he won in 29.4/5 secs. Another swimmer that showed up well was Miss Lau Wun-tao, who won her race in the 100 metres breast-stroke for ladies. Her time was 1 min. 45.1/5 secs.

Water-polo matches brought all three galas to a successful conclusion.

At the Chinese Bathing Club, the home team beat South China A.A. by five clear goals, while the home team at Laichikok also beat a team from the Middlesex Regiment by four goals.

The Chinese A.A. Bathing Club held an inter-members' match in which the "A" team beat the "B" by four goals to two.

EASTERN LOSES FOURTH TEST

SYDNEY, July 20 (Reuter)—The fourth Test soccer match between Australia and the touring Chinese football team was played at Newcastle and resulted in a win for the Aussies by the score of five goals to two.

In the first test Eastern won 8-4; Australia won the second 4-2 and Eastern won the third last week 5-2.

IMMIGRATION DEPOT WIN AT SOCCER

A friendly football match was played yesterday morning at the P.W.D. ground, Causeway Bay, between the Staff of the Immigration Depot, West Point, and Staff of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

The Immigration Officer, Mr. J. H. Lee was present and kicked off.

The match caused much laughter as the field was wet and slippery, and there were many falls.

The score was 4-1 in favor of the Immigration Depot.

OPEN PAIRS GAMES CANCELLED

The following matches in the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls championship have been postponed:

July 21, at Recreio: W. Williamson and C.S.M. Thom v. A. Steven and J.R. Bely.

July 22, at K.F.C.: L. Sykes and G. C. Gill v. W. J. Harris and A. Bowler.

BOWLS SWEEP RESULTS

Following is the result of the sweep on yesterday's Bowls League games:

1. Ticket 192 (K.D.R.C.) 1st 124. 2. Ticket 388 (C.C.C.) 1st Div. 3. Ticket 355 (I.R.C.) 3rd Div. Others: Tickets 1st—25, 2nd—401, 3rd—345, 4th—229, 5th—540, 6th—388, 7th—344, 8th—335, 9th—330, 10th—324, 11th—319, 12th—318, 13th—317, 14th—316, 15th—315, 16th—314, 17th—313, 18th—312, 19th—311, 20th—310, 21st—309, 22nd—308, 23rd—307, 24th—306, 25th—305, 26th—304, 27th—303, 28th—302, 29th—301, 30th—300, 31st—299, 32nd—298, 33rd—297, 34th—296, 35th—295, 36th—294, 37th—293, 38th—292, 39th—291, 40th—290, 41st—289, 42nd—288, 43rd—287, 44th—286, 45th—285, 46th—284, 47th—283, 48th—282, 49th—281, 50th—280, 51st—279, 52nd—278, 53rd—277, 54th—276, 55th—275, 56th—274, 57th—273, 58th—272, 59th—271, 60th—270, 61st—269, 62nd—268, 63rd—267, 64th—266, 65th—265, 66th—264, 67th—263, 68th—262, 69th—261, 70th—260, 71st—259, 72nd—258, 73rd—257, 74th—256, 75th—255, 76th—254, 77th—253, 78th—252, 79th—251, 80th—250, 81st—249, 82nd—248, 83rd—247, 84th—246, 85th—245, 86th—244, 87th—243, 88th—242, 89th—241, 90th—240, 91st—239, 92nd—238, 93rd—237, 94th—236, 95th—235, 96th—234, 97th—233, 98th—232, 99th—231, 100th—230, 101st—229, 102nd—228, 103rd—227, 104th—226, 105th—225, 106th—224, 107th—223, 108th—222, 109th—221, 110th—220, 111th—219, 112th—218, 113th—217, 114th—216, 115th—215, 116th—214, 117th—213, 118th—212, 119th—211, 120th—210, 121st—209, 122nd—208, 123rd—207, 124th—206, 125th—205, 126th—204, 127th—203, 128th—202, 129th—201, 130th—200, 131st—199, 132nd—198, 133rd—197, 134th—196, 135th—195, 136th—194, 137th—193, 138th—192, 139th—191, 140th—190, 141st—189, 142nd—188, 143rd—187, 144th—186, 145th—185, 146th—184, 147th—183, 148th—182, 149th—181, 150th—180, 151st—179, 152nd—178, 153rd—177, 154th—176, 155th—175, 156th—174, 157th—173, 158th—172, 159th—171, 160th—170, 161st—169, 162nd—168, 163rd—167, 164th—166, 165th—165, 166th—164, 167th—163, 168th—162, 169th—161, 170th—160, 171st—159, 172nd—158, 173rd—157, 174th—156, 175th—155, 176th—154, 177th—153, 178th—152, 179th—151, 180th—150, 181st—149, 182nd—148, 183rd—147, 184th—146, 185th—145, 186th—144, 187th—143, 188th—142, 189th—141, 190th—140, 191st—139, 192nd—138, 193rd—137, 194th—136, 195th—135, 196th—134, 197th—133, 198th—132, 199th—131, 200th—130, 201st—129, 202nd—128, 203rd—127, 204th—126, 205th—125, 206th—124, 207th—123, 208th—122, 209th—121, 210th—120, 211st—119, 212nd—118, 213rd—117, 214th—116, 215th—115, 216th—114, 217th—113, 218th—112, 219th—111, 220th—110, 221st—109, 222nd—108, 223rd—107, 224th—106, 225th—105, 226th—104, 227th—103, 228th—102, 229th—101, 230th—100, 231st—99, 232nd—98, 233rd—97, 234th—96, 235th—95, 236th—94, 237th—93, 238th—92, 239th—91, 240th—90, 241st—89, 242nd—88, 243rd—87, 244th—86, 245th—85, 246th—84, 247th—83, 248th—82, 249th—81, 250th—80, 251st—79, 252nd—78, 253rd—77, 254th—76, 255th—75, 256th—74, 257th—73, 258th—72, 259th—71, 260th—70, 261st—69, 262nd—68, 263rd—67, 264th—66, 265th—65, 266th—64, 267th—63, 268th—62, 269th—61, 270th—60, 271st—59, 272nd—58, 273rd—57, 274th—56, 275th—55, 276th—54, 277th—53, 278th—52, 279th—51, 280th—50, 281st—49, 282nd—48, 283rd—47, 284th—46, 285th—45, 286th—44, 287th—43, 288th—42, 289th—41, 290th—40, 291st—39, 292nd—38, 293rd—37, 294th—36, 295th—35, 296th—34, 297th—33, 298th—32, 299th—31, 300th—30, 301st—29, 302nd—28, 303rd—27, 304th—26, 305th—25, 306th—24, 307th—23, 308th—22, 309th—21, 310th—20, 311st—19, 312nd—18, 313rd—17, 314th—16, 315th—15, 316th—14, 317th—13, 318th—12, 319th—11, 320th—10, 321st—9, 322nd—8, 323rd—7, 324th—6, 325th—5, 326th—4, 327th—3, 328th—2, 329th—1, 330th—0.

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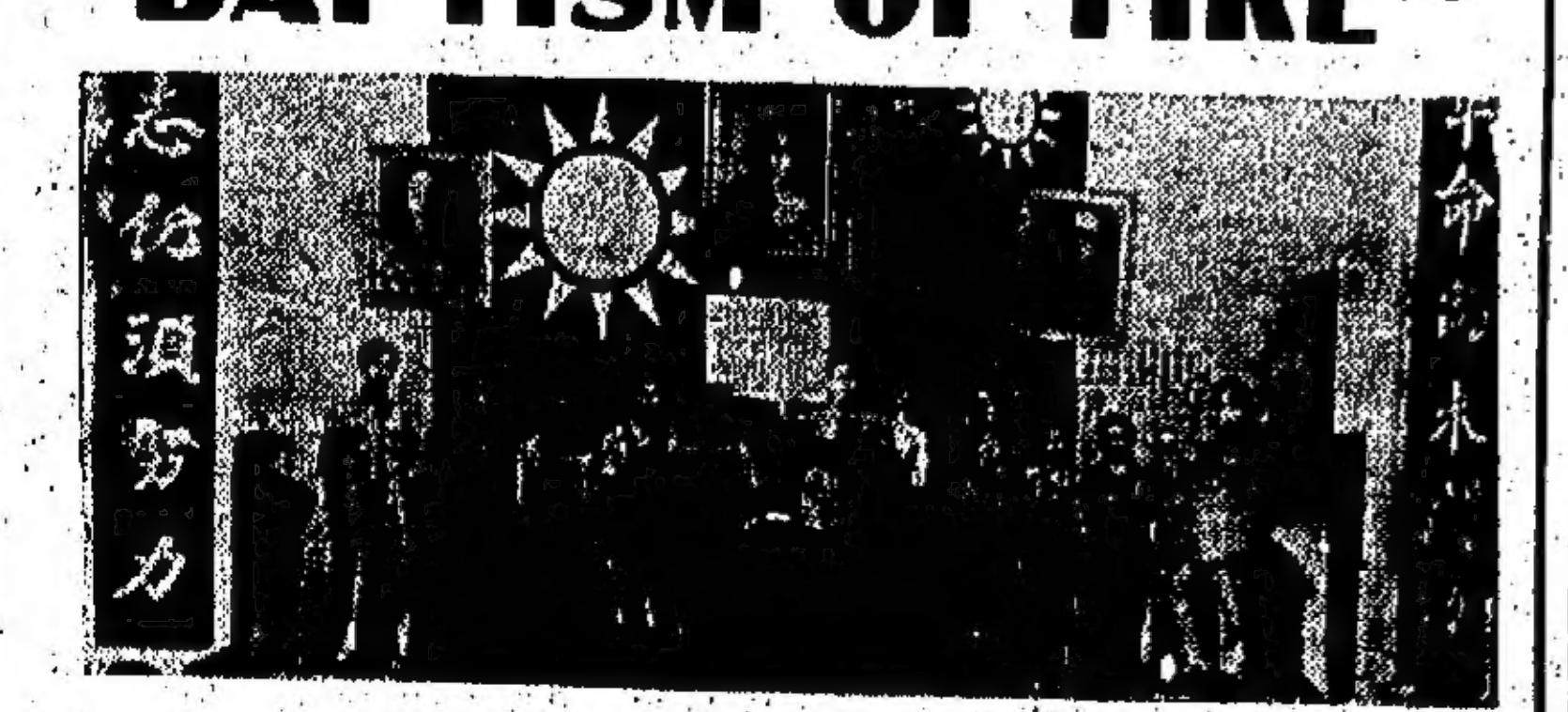
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Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
Appeal for Funds for Orthopaedic Centres in Free China, H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.
Colony's Black-Out Exercises, European Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9 a.m. to noon.
22—Tides: High 8.23 a.m. and 10.33 p.m. Low 1.57 a.m. and 3.49 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.50 a.m.; Sunset: 8.09 p.m. Rotary Club Tiffin, Hongkong Hotel, 1 p.m.
Consecration of the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, M.A., as Bishop of Singapore, St. John's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club Badminton, 7 p.m.
23—Tides: High 9.01 a.m. and 11.03 p.m. Low 2.37 a.m. and 4.28 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.51 a.m.; Sunset: 8.08 p.m. St. Andrew's Club Lecture, Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
St. Andrew's Fellowship Social, 8.30 p.m.
24—Tides: High 9.37 a.m. and 11.21 p.m. Low 3.10 a.m. and 5.04 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.51 a.m.; Sunset: 8.08 p.m. St. K.Y.'s Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.
Annual General Meeting of Peak Club, 6.45 p.m.
H.K. Rifles Association Annual Meeting, Jacobine Room, H.K. Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.
St. Andrew's Club Lecture: Mr. R. Kerney on "Blitz Over London," 8.45 p.m.
H.E. to attend screening of "Forty-Thousand Horsemen" at the King's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.
Annual Meeting of S.P.C.A. Registrar Office, Supreme Court, 5 p.m.
25—Tides: High 10.17 a.m. & 12.03 p.m. Low 3.51 a.m. & 5.38 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.51 a.m.; Sunset: 8.07 p.m. China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., Annual Meeting, Union Bldg., noon.
Presentation to Right Rev. J. L. Wilson, St. John's Cathedral, Hall, 5 p.m.
St. Andrew's Warthine Intercession Service, 6.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis.

26—Tides: High 11.02 a.m. & 12.28 p.m. Low 4.38 a.m. & 6.16 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.52 a.m.; Sunset: 8.07 p.m. V.D.M.A. Half-Day Conference at Shatin.

London Zoo Put ON RATIONS

LONDON.—The Zoo is on rationing. Chimps and gorillas who used to expect choice fruits, eggs, milk and orange juice now get cabbage, carrots, turnips, beetroot and bread—and are thankful. They used to eat twice a day; breakfast is all they get now.

All the Russian bear, is thinner—there are fewer children in London and fewer buns. But war is less hard on the reptiles; George, the 130-year crocodile, doesn't eat in the autumn and winter any way, just does. And the giant pythons fast from October to March.

Little peace-time comforts and luxuries have gone: no more sun-ray lamps or ultra-violet. Central heating is just plenty of straw and the warmth that is in numbers.

The poisonous snakes, scorpions and spiders were destroyed a few hours after the war started. Lions, tigers and other big cats are locked in their inner dens at night; so are bears.

2 DAYS' FREEDOM

Some 30 monkeys had two days' freedom in Regent Park but hunger brought them back. A corner of Monkey Hill had been knocked off by a bomb, and the monkeys, wiser than some of their Darwinian cousins, quickly took cover in the tunnels beneath. They are on duty now at Whipsnade, the open air zoo outside London.

A raven was let loose when the Zoo was bombed last November. He has not been back. "Nevermore," he said.

Bombed-out pachyderms and beasts of prey might lack that kind-humoured stoicism for which other cockneys are famous, so the Zoo is patrolled nightly by armed men. (The elephants have been evacuated along with the monkeys.) But by and large the animals are taking it, and they don't mind the blackout at all. They have had their share of heavy bombs and plenty of incendiaries, but only a few have been hurt—a skin wound.

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12.15 A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Leo Reisman and His Orchestra.

The Piccolino—Fox-trot (from film "Top Hat"—Berlin); Fred Astaire (Vocal); A Sweet Beginning Like This (Young Albers); I, Yi, Yi, Yi, Yi—Samba (I Like You Very Much); from film "That Night in Rio"—Gordon, H. Warren; Amarillo—Fox-trot; Simpatia—Fox-trot (Both from film "They Met in Argentina"—Lorenzo Hart, Richard Rodgers); Chick Chica Boom Chik—Rumba; They Met in Rio—Tango (Both from film "That Night in Rio"—Mack Gordon, Harry Warren); Jenny—Fox-trot; This Is New—Fox-trot (Both from film "Lady in the Dark"—Ira Gershwin, Kurt Weill).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.05 Variety with Frank Crumit and Sophie Tucker.

Humorous—No News (Or "What Killed the Dog"); The Three Trees (McNaughton); Frank Crumit with orchestra—Vocal—Waltz Memories: Intro: Cirlbirbin; Gypsy Moon: One Night of Love: When I Grow Too Old to Dream; Poem; Live, Love and Laugh—Don Carlos and Troise and his Mandoliers. Comedy—Moanin' Low (Dietz and Rainger); Some Of These Days (Brooks)—Sophie Tucker with Orchestra. Medley—Rumba—Medley—Cubana Marimba Band. Tenor—Anton Pasquale Ramonio (Crumit)—Frank Crumit with Guitar.

1.30 Rentes and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Schumann—Symphony No. 4 in D Minor, Op. 120.

1st Mov.: Ziemlich Langsam—Lebhaft;

2nd Mov.: Romanze; 3rd Mov.: Schorzo and Trio; 4th Mov.: Langsam—Lehaft—The London Symphony Orch. cond. by Grun.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Them There Eyes; When the Red Robin Comes Bob, Bob Bobbin' Along—Bob Crosby and his orchestra. Fox-Trots—We'll Go Smiling Along (from film "Top of the World"); Sarah—Sarah—Harry Roy and his Band—Fox-Trots—That's Da Strain; Someday, Sweetheart—Mugsy Spanier and his Ragtime Band. Quick-Step—I Hear Bluebirds; Fox-Trot—This Year's Roses—Oscar Rabin and his Strict Tempo Dance Band. Tango—Pobre Francesita; Manila—Bernardo Alomany et son Orchestre Argentino des Ambassadeurs—Fox-Trots—Too Romantic; Sweet Potato Piper (Both from film "The Road to Singapore")—Glen Miller and his Orch. Waltz—When Our Dreams Grow Old; Quick-Step—On the Isle of May—Joe Loss and His band.

7.30 Musical Comedy Selections.

Virginia—Selection (Walter Tunbridge)—The New Mayfair Orchestra. Musical Comedy Marches: Intro: Riff Song (Desert Song); The Mounties (Rose Marie); Some of the Drum (Song of the Drum); The Three Musketeers; Tolkey (Bitter Sweet); The Robbers' March (Chi Chin Chow); Love's Sentry (Madame Pompadour); Good-bye (The White Horse Inn)—The Light Opera Company with Orchestra. Daly's Theatre Waltz Memories: Intro—A Waltz Dream; Gipsy Love; The Country Girl; The Merry Widow; The Cingalese; The Count of Luxembourg (Arr. Prentiss); Charles Franklin and his Orchestra. Give Me a Ring—A Couple of Fools in Love; I Only Want One Boy (Valentine, John and Broonie)—Margaret Barnerman (Sop.) with Martin Broone (Piano).

8.00 London—The News.

8.15 London—War Commentary.

8.25 London—Listener Post.

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.35 Strauss "Le Beau Danube"—Ballet Music.

The London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Antal Dorati.

8.40 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.42 This week's programme.

8.45 Violin Solos by Albert Sendler.

Spanish Serenade: The Child and his Dancing Doll (Johnny Heywood); An Old Violin; G. Taylor and H. Fisher; Remembrance (Mario Meli).

9.15 London—Quiet Please.

9.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave only).

16.00 London—The News and News Commentary.

16.15 Excerpts from Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Mikado."

Overture—The Light Opera Orchestra Here's A How-De-Do; Elsie Griffin, Oldham and H. A. Lytton Mi-Ya-Sa-Ma-Lewis, Fancourt and Chorus. A More Human Mikado—D. Fancourt and Chorus of Mel. The Criminal Cried—Davies, Lytton, L. Sheffield and Chorus; See How The Fates—Fancourt, Lewis, Davies Lytton, and Sheffield. The Flowers That Bloom In The Spring—D. Oldham, and H. A. Lytton.

10.40 A Programme of Old Eng. Mus.

Pavane: Galliard (William Byrd); Chaconne (H. Purcell) — Society of Ancient Instruments. The Lass With The Delicate Air (Michael Arne); Nan Maryka (Soprano) with piano. The Faery Queen—Three Dances (Purcell Arr. Jacques); Hornpipe—Rondeau—Jig—The Jacques String Orchestra. Where The Bee Sucks (Shakespeare and Arne Arr. Shaw); Come Let Us Join The Roundelay (W. Beale)—The BBC Wireless Singers. La Queen (Byrd)—The Piper's Guild Quartet.

11.00 London—News From Home.

A Talk by Howard Marshall.

11.15 Close down.

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INCLUSION OF SEVERAL SERVICE MEMBERS IN JAPANESE CABINET SEEN AS INDICATION OF A NEW ADVENTURE

TOKYO, July 20 (Reuter) — "Japan's duly established national policy remains unchangeable and unalterable," Admiral Toyoda, the new Foreign Minister told Japanese pressmen yesterday, but he considered it might be necessary "to adapt it day by day to the international situation."

Admiral Toyoda recalled he was a member of the Government at the time the Tripartite Pact between Germany, Italy, and Japan was concluded.

The third Konoye Cabinet will function as a "wartime Cabinet" and will seek unity in military and political operations, according to a proposal submitted to the first meeting of the new Cabinet on Friday night by the War and Navy Ministers.

This proposal was approved without qualification by the meeting and reads:—

"The outline of national policies to deal with the current international situation, which has been approved by the Emperor shall not be affected in the least by the Cabinet change."

"All governmental machinery is hereby requested to operate in full cooperation and attain unity in political and military operations by giving full play to the wartime Cabinet's function and thus vigorously strengthening the wartime footing."

EXTENSIVE CHANGES

Meantime it is indicated that Admiral Toyoda's acceptance of vice Minister Ohashi's resignation is certain, and Mr. Renzo Sawada, former Ambassador to Vichy, is rumoured as his successor. It is semi-officially predicted that there will be extensive changes in Foreign Office key personnel.

STRONG R.A.F. REINFORCEMENT FOR SINGAPORE

PARTY WELCOMED BY C-IN-C

SINGAPORE, July 20 (Reuter) — Strong reinforcements of R.A.F. personnel arrived here from Great Britain yesterday and were welcomed by Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief, Far East.

The reinforcements included officers and airmen, a party of Wrens and Army officers.

As the reinforcements disembarked they seemed to fill the docks from one end to the other.

The R.A.F. personnel will be distributed among Far East stations where they are proceeding immediately.

The area outside the docks was chockful of R.A.F. trucks to receive them. Looking sunburned but smart in their khaki uniforms all said they had had an uneventful journey.

BISMARCK HUNT

A young airman told Reuter the only excitement was when they passed near the scene of the Bismarck hunt. One of their escort vessels left the convoy to join the chase and rejoined 38 hours later after the kill.

No submarines were seen throughout but once, in a West African port, a big German bomber attempted to bomb them but without success. There was no other incident.

German And Rumanian Troops Clash

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter) — Serious trouble between German and Rumanian soldiers is reported by the Soviet Information Bureau. A clash occurred in the Harlau sector of the Bessarabian front.

Drunken German officers struck several Rumanian soldiers and, exasperated, the Rumanian soldiers opened fire on a German camp.

A battalion of Nazi infantry brought out by the alarm opened fire on neighbouring Rumanian units.

Several Rumanian units have been disarmed by the Germans and removed to the rear.

The German High Command is taking all steps to prevent knowledge of this sanitary incident spreading to other Rumanian units.

R.A.F. DAMAGE IN REICH

Reports Confirmed By Russian Evacuees

ANKARA, July 20 (Reuter) — Damage inflicted by the R.A.F. was confirmed here yesterday by a party of Russians passing through Turkey on the way from Berlin to Moscow.

Current reports in Berlin say that Dusseldorf is a smoking ruin and that Hamburg, Bremen and other towns have been very severely damaged.

Inhabitants of industrial towns, including workers, are fleeing attention to the fact that Mr. Matsukawa has resigned while other important Ministers have been retained.

After declaring that Prince Konoye is "a prisoner of war of the Japanese army," the spokesman said: "Though outwardly the new Japanese Cabinet shows no indication of an important change in policy there is much activity beneath the surface."

Describing Japan's policy as a "duck policy," the spokesman said there is no noticeable move above water but much movement underneath.

MESS IN TOKYO

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter) — Discussing the "mess in Tokyo," in the light of the reconstructed Japanese Cabinet, the Daily Telegraph says that from the inclusion of seven generals and admirals in the new Cabinet it seems necessary to infer that the militarists have won the day and Japan may be on the eve of some new foreign adventure.

Various indications have been pointing to a denouement in this sense but a surprise feature in the Government changes is the dropping of Mr. Matsukawa, the Foreign Minister.

His departure is almost certainly connected with signing the pact of friendship with Russia, and would become more easily explicable if a decision has been taken involving a reversal of the policy towards Russia.

Another possible explanation of Mr. Matsukawa's exit may be not an impending breach with Russia but a desire to loosen the ties with the Axis which the late Foreign Minister had taken so prominent a part in strengthening.

In that case an offensive, if one is in view, might be expected in the direction of Indo-China rather than Vladivostok. Disclosure of Tokyo's hand one way or another can hardly be long delayed.

STRAIGHT WARNING

The Yorkshire Post declared that Lord Halifax, speaking at San Francisco, has given Japan a straight warning.

Japan may prefer to watch how the war with Russia goes before taking action which would irreversibly draw upon her the hostility of Britain and the United States.

The Russians are fighting a battle which will either thin out the ranks of our enemies or gravely multiply them.

General Franco's broadcast this week has given us one clear hint of this.

No appeasing words will remove these threatening possibilities. Nothing will remove them but positive proof that Germany is going to lose.

That is a proof which we and the Russians together, by doubling and redoubling our labours, have given and will give during the critical months ahead. — Reuter

MATSUOKA HANDS OVER SEALS OF OFFICE

TOKYO, July 20 (Reuter) — Mr. Matsuoka, ousted Japanese Foreign Minister, yesterday handed over the seals of office to his successor, Admiral Toyoda.

The appointment of Admiral Toyoda is regarded as significant by the Tokyo press.

The Hochi Shimbun says the guiding principles of Japan's foreign policy are the settlement of the China affair and extending the sphere of common prosperity in Greater East Asia, including the South Seas region.

The Nichi-Nichi Shimbun says Japan's policy is to strengthen the nation and also mentions the common prosperity sphere.

No mention is made in the Tokyo paper of the Russo-Japanese war.

The German High Command is taking all steps to prevent knowledge of this sanitary incident spreading to other Rumanian units.

Germans Hurl Enormous Mass Of Men, Material In Attack On Smolensk

MOSCOW, July 20 (Reuter) — A Russian communiqué says: "During the night of July 18 our troops continued intense fighting in the direction of Polotsk-Nevel, Smolensk and Borki. In other sectors of the front nothing of importance took place."

"Our air force during July 18 and during the night continued to destroy motorised and mechanised units of the enemy and to bomb enemy aircraft on their aerodromes."

"In addition to the figures previously reported during July 16/17 our air force destroyed 39 enemy planes, having lost 16 of our own during the same period."

"During July 18 our air force destroyed 32 enemy planes."

The latest Russian communiqué, while declaring that fierce fighting is continuing around Smolensk, historic gateway to Moscow, does not confirm the capture of the city by the Germans.

It is here that the main German drive has been directed in the last few days, and the enormous masses of men and material the Nazis have thrown in regardless of losses indicates their aim of achieving a major success by the week-end.

Two days ago Goebbels said an outstanding success could be expected by the end of the week.

NAZI CLAIM

The Germans yesterday morning claimed that the "breakthrough has been extended beyond Smolensk" but the Russian communiqué makes no mention of the fall of the city.

It says fierce fighting is going on in three sectors but there has been no important change.

Later in the morning the Germans claimed that at the southern end of the front the River Dniester had been crossed at several fronts. This is not confirmed in Moscow.

HEAVY LOSSES

LONDON, July 20 (BWS) — A Russian communiqué states: "During July 18 heavy fighting took place in the sectors of Pskov, Porkhov, Potsk and Smolensk. Both sides are suffering heavy losses."

"According to exact reports our air force destroyed 31 enemy planes on July 17."

"In the Danube Estuary, between Thulcea and Sulina, an enemy convoy escorted by Messerschmitts was attacked by our air force."

"Our fighters first accounted for the Messerschmitts and then bombed the ships. Big fires were observed and tanks carrying oil were set ablaze. The flames could be seen from a distance of many miles."

"The whole convoy was destroyed. All our planes returned safely."

BESSARABIAN FRONT

"On the Bessarabian front German and Rumanian troops clashed."

"Rumanian soldiers were disarmed by the Germans and sent back behind the lines. This incident has been kept strictly secret by the German Command."

"It has been declared by the Russian High Command that German allegations and Russian troops used poison gas during fighting in the Karelia are pure inventions and barefaced lies."

Mobilisation Of Europe's "V" Army

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter) — July 20 is the date of Europe's mobilisation against the Germans, today the "V" Army—Europe's invisible army of millions—will come into being.

So declared Colonel Britton, B. B. C. mystery speaker, in a broadcast to the Axis-occupied countries early yesterday morning.

Colonel Britton said the mobilisation should be carried out with the greatest discipline.

"It will begin at midnight, 24 hours from now, and will continue throughout the day," he declared.

"The act of enlistment is simple. You are asked to do two things. Firstly, to take a vow at the earliest moment on Sunday, July 20, to continue faithfully this fight in the best way you can for your country's independence and honour and that of other nations still enslaved by Nazi Germany."

"Secondly, you are asked to take every opportunity on this Sunday to demonstrate to the German the mobilisation of the "V" army—by putting "V's" on walls and everywhere you can put them and by beating out the "V" sound wherever you get a chance."

"Let "V" be splashed from one end of Europe to the other. Good luck to you!"

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S.P.C.A. Seek Abolition Of Cruel Method Of Transportation Of Pigs

In its report for the year ending March 31, 1941, the SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS revealed that, due to the unfavourable balance of \$1,656.46 of expenditure over income caused partly by the falling off of donations, it was the intention of the Society not to embark on any energetic campaign "for the purpose of bolstering up its resources."

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN HONGKONG

Resolutions Passed At Conference

A Conference of the Anglican Churches, both English and Chinese, was held on Saturday, July 19, at Dr. Uttley's house at the Kowloon Hospital to discuss subjects related to the spread of Social Justice in Hongkong and the part to be played by individual Christians and by the organised Churches. The Bishop of Hongkong was in the chair and the Conference was attended by Bishop Binstead of Manila, the Dean of Hongkong and a large number of clergy and laity.

Papers were read by Mrs. G. A. Goodban, Professor Forster and the Reverend A.P. Rose and, after discussion, the following resolutions were passed:

That this Conference, recognising the urgency of primary education as fundamental in solving social problems in this Colony, warmly supports the Director of Education in his scheme for free and compulsory primary education and urges that it should not be delayed because of the shortage of constructional materials for buildings.

That this Conference, realising the urgent need of Christian thinking and action on social problems in this Colony, requests each Church Council to bring the report of this Conference before the next meeting of the Council and urges the operation in each Parish of a Committee or Group to stimulate social work through the existing Societies in the Colony."

The Secretary, Mr. H. C. Margett and the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach were requested to prepare a report of the Conference for presentation to the Church Councils and it was decided to hold another combined meeting on Saturday, September 27, to receive reports from the various Church Councils and to discuss further questions connected with the building up of a Christian Society.

ALLEGED BORDER SHOOTING INCIDENTS

Reports of alleged shooting of Chinese civilians crossing the border in possession of Hongkong Government Immigration Certificates have again cropped up though the local authorities have not been able to secure a witness to testify before the proper authority.

It has been the practice of travellers these days to leave their immigration papers with friends or relatives near the border, some even paying a "storage fee" for their safe custody. Others who have no one in the New Territories to rely upon bury their papers in the British side of the border to be recovered on their return.

Isolated cases of the shooting of those failing to take the above precautions have been brought to the attention of the authorities and it will be of interest to recall that some months ago similar reports were current but the authorities were not able to confirm them.

EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN

A petition for the employment of women in certain factories during the night, it was learned, has been made to the authorities by the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Union.

The petition, which is under consideration, suggests that the women be divided into day and night shifts, the latter not to exceed 10 hours, and that each woman be equipped with an identification card.

WONG-LEE



Mr. Wong Sui-man and his bride, formerly Miss Aileen Lee. (King's Studio).

SAINT PAUL'S MAGAZINE

A Commendable Effort

Arising from this case, it is the intention of the Society to petition to the local authorities to ensure that every dog for sale in a bird shop has a licence, an entry permit signed by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon if it has been imported, and the name and address of the owner, or the previous owner, with a full description of the age, sex, breed, etc., of the dog.

The annual meeting of the Society will be held in the office of the Registrar, Supreme Court, on Thursday, July 24, at 5 p.m.

LANTAU ISLAND SETTLEMENT SCHEME

NEW PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD

The scheme for village settlements on Lantau Island may yet materialise as the result of an interesting proposal put forward at a meeting of the Central Committee of the Village Settlements Scheme held on Saturday at the Medical Headquarters with Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, the Hon. Director of Medical Services in the chair.

It was learned from an unofficial source that at the meeting the Promotion Sub-Committee submitted several proposals on which suggested the formation of a limited company or association whose main object would be to assist settlers to build homes in the Silver Mine Bay area and elsewhere on the island, and to develop adjacent areas for those able to furnish their own capital.

This plan, if adopted, will not commit Government to any expenditure and all that the organisation will need from Government will be the leasing of unalienated Crown land to the organisers and to certain settlers.

STARVATION DISEASES

HEAVY DEATH TOLL ANTICIPATED

Tuberculosis, beri-beri and pellagra are expected to take a heavier toll of the Colony's underfed populace in 1941 than in any previous year.

Inability to purchase food giving of sufficient nutrition should carry Hongkong's death toll from "starvation" diseases to an all-time high of nearly 20,000 among the Colony's poor.

This figure may be arrived at from a study of statistics on Hongkong's death rate from various causes for the first six months of the year.

Tuberculosis has already claimed 3,457 deaths as against 5,751 for the whole of last year. Deaths from beri-beri number 3,106 as against 7,229 for the whole of 1940; and from pellagra, they number 768 as against 442 for all 12 months of last year.

TAG DAY RESULTS

In aid of Chinese medical relief funds the Tag Day organised by the China Defense League on Saturday realised just over \$3,000 which sum, however, is expected to be exceeded when other contributions are collected in the course of the week.

GENERAL

St. Paul's College Foundation

LECTURES BY DR. T. C. CHAO

In connexion with St. Paul's College Foundation, a series of inaugural lectures entitled "Some Reflections on Chinese thoughts and the Christian faith" will be given by Dr. T. C. Chao, D. Litt., of Yenching University and Hon. Fellow of St. Paul's College, in St. John's Cathedral Hall on July 29 and 31, and August 1 and 2, commencing each night at 9 p.m.

At the end of each lecture—admission to which will be by ticket, at \$1 each, only—the subject-matter of the lecture will be open for discussion.

Dr. Chao will talk on "Can God be known in the Universe?" on the first night, and "Is Christ an Emergent Saviour?" on the second, followed by "Can man redeem himself?" and "Does society need a soul?"

NEW STREET NAMES

The road commencing at Tunglowan, between T.H.L. 89 and T.H.L. 90, running in a south-easterly direction and terminating at Tai Hang Old Village, being the first street south-west of and parallel to Wun Sha Street and the second street Brown Street. These proposals are published in the Government Gazette.

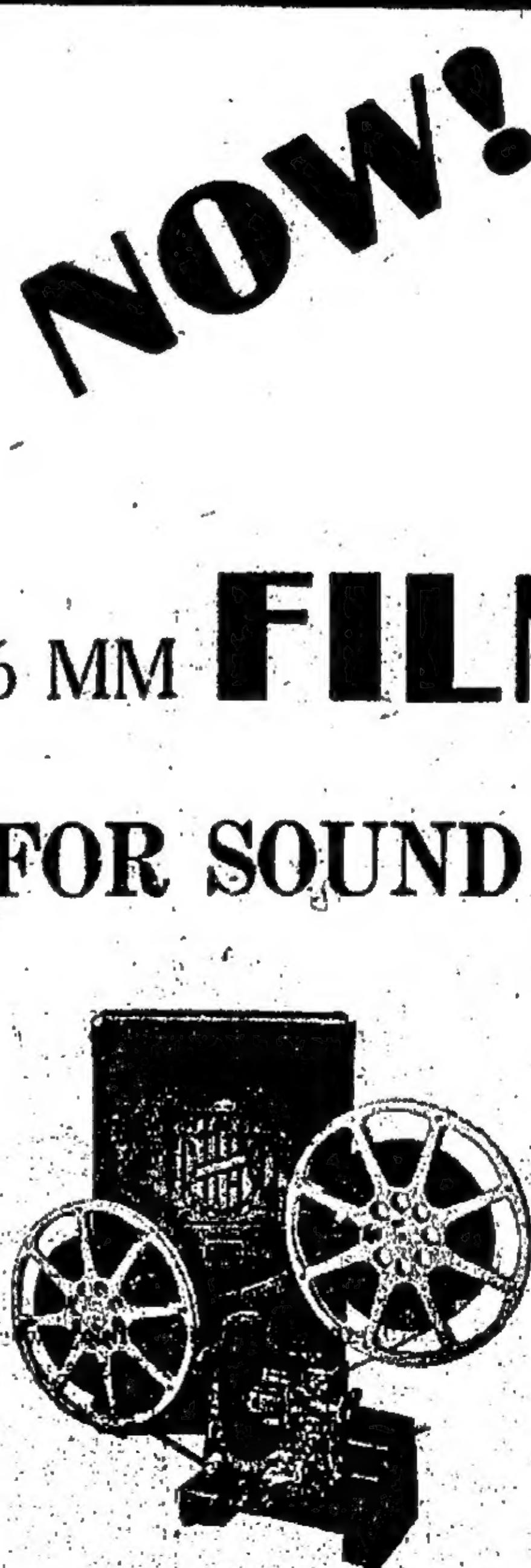
NEW L.C. MEMBERS

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Edgar Davidson, provisionally, and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, to be temporarily an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, in the place of Mr. Stanley Hudson Dodwell, who is temporarily absent from the Colony, with effect from July 17, 1941.

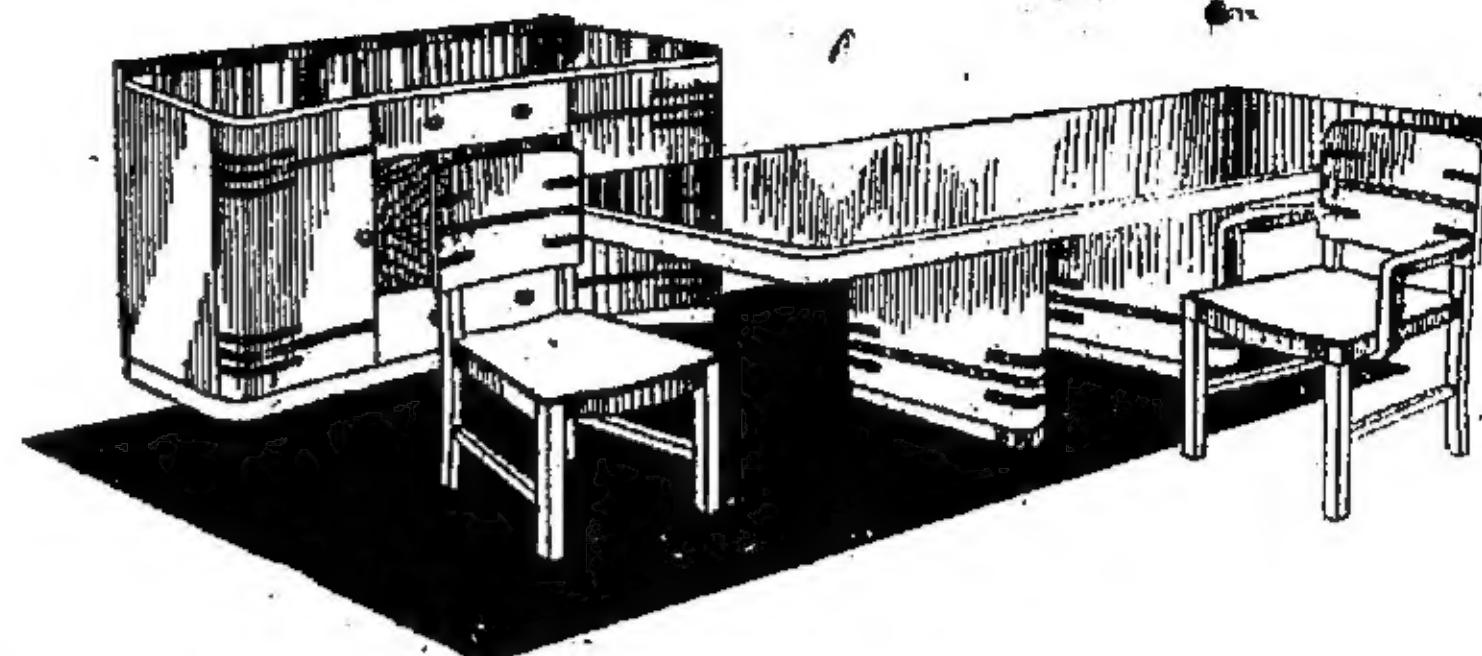
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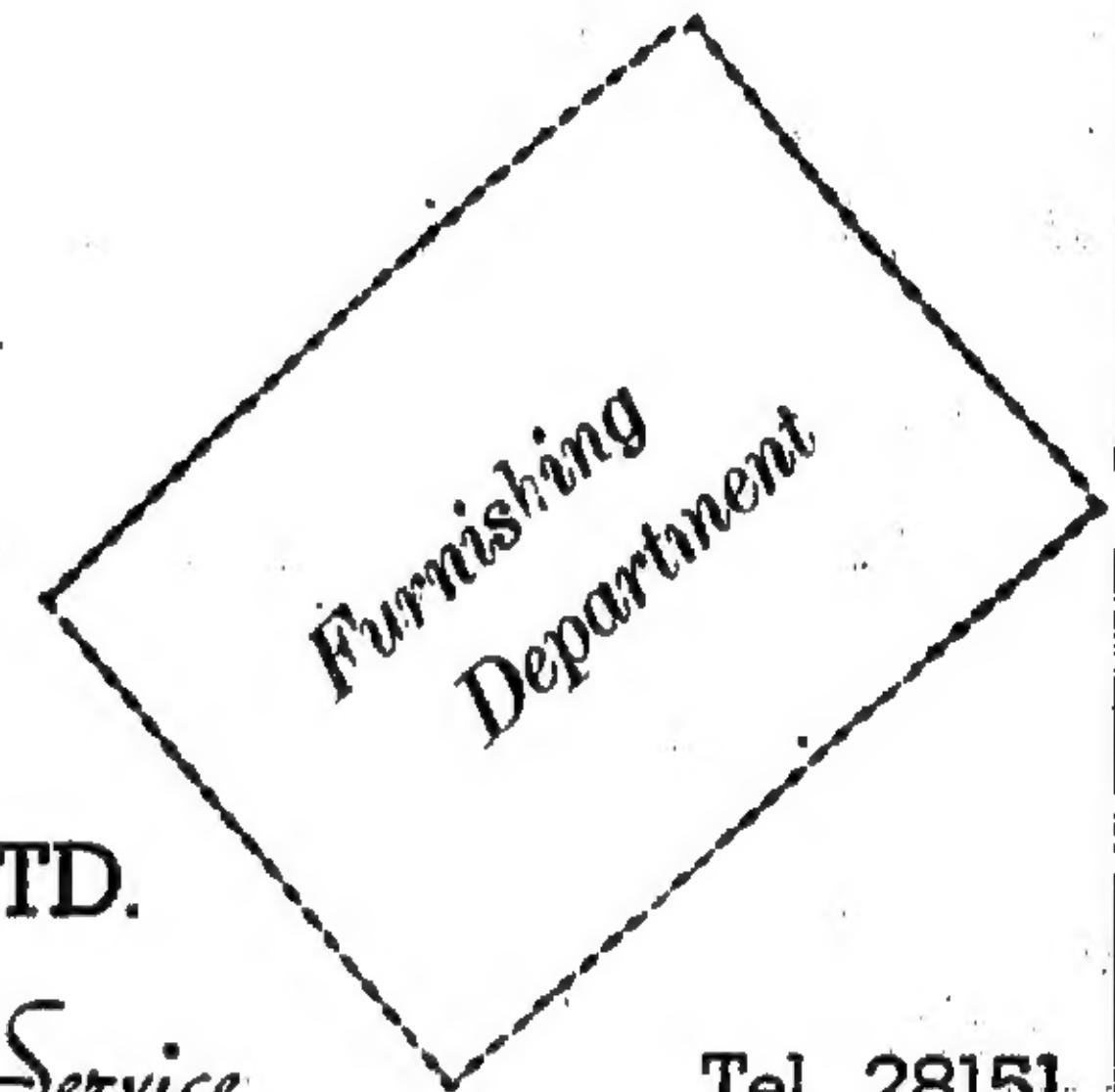


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Notice is hereby given that on account of transfer to other duties the Power of Attorney issued to Bayard Craig Lawrence, as District Manager for The Texas Company (China) Ltd., at Hongkong has been cancelled and recalled.

Similar Power of Attorney has been issued to Christopher Jenkins Livingston who has been appointed District Manager at Hongkong to succeed Bayard Craig Lawrence.

THE TEXAS COMPANY
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By P. F. LeFevre,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, July 21, 1941.

PRICE LIST OF
FOODSTUFFS

A new revised price list of foodstuffs is at present in course of preparation and all firms, bongs, companies and individuals who import any of the articles listed below, and who have not already obtained approved maximum retail prices for such articles, are required to notify the office of the Controller of Food in writing on or before July 31, 1941.

All firms, bongs, companies and individuals should note that when making application to the office for controlled prices it is necessary for them to submit covering invoices and full details as regards the landed cost, landing charges and storage charges of the articles concerned.

It is further notified that although it is not at present proposed to exercise control over the price of every type of bread, a maximum price will be fixed by the Price Board for "Finest Quality Bread (Toast and Sandwich Loaf)."

The articles for which retail prices are now subject to control are as follows: Milk, and milk products including butter, cream, ghee, cheddar cheese, and cheese of Kraft type; tinned corned beef; tinned Pork and Beans; tinned Sardines; tinned Salmon; Margarine, lard and other fats used for food; rolled oats, and oatmeal; sugar.

ENGAGEMENT

Kenelm Hubert Digby, Legal Adviser of Sarawak, to Mutal, daughter of Mr and Mrs. B. E. Fielder of 4, The Peak, Hongkong.

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HONGKONG RENT RACKET
ACTIVITY SPREADS TO
FOREIGN-STYLE HOUSESAgency Carries On Business
Under Stairway In Mongkok

BY OUR STAFF REPORTER

The feeling of helplessness of the public in Hongkong over the question of "tea money" demanded from prospective tenants has so encouraged those engaged in this racket that they have, as predicted in an article published in the Hongkong Daily Press on March 27, extended their sphere of activities to foreign-style houses.

Inquiries conducted by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter revealed that a certain rent collecting agency, which is supposed to be in charge of over 300 vacant or to-be-vacant flats, has been carrying on business under the stairway of a house in the Mongkok district. "To Let" signs bearing the name and telephone number (the latter being, incidentally, that of the shop on the ground floor) of this "agency" might be seen posted on to lamp-posts and walls all over Hongkong and Kowloon.

On inquiring for a foreign-type flat, our reporter was told that there were two vacant, one in Homantin Street and the other in Han-kow Road. The rent for the former is \$60 per month and for the latter \$100 per month.

There was, however, the small matter of "taking over" or a commission business so long as that business was a legal one.

DIRECT CONTRAVENTION

"But," asked a well-known social worker, "is the business of a so-called rent collecting agency legal? Does it not contribute towards boosting the rent in Hongkong and so acting directly against the spirit, if not the letter, of the Ordinance? Has a 'rent collecting agency' the right to demand 'tea money' or commission of any kind whatsoever when renting out a flat? If these agencies were genuinely acting on behalf of the landlords, or the sitting tenants, should they not be paid by them?"

When asked what there was to be taken over, the inquirer was told "electric lights." The amounts asked for were most reasonable—only \$100 for the Homantin flat and \$60 for the Han-kow Road one. The house numbers were not given, but "of course you may see the flat on payment of a fee of 50 cents."

ALREADY TAKEN

The same two flats were, strangely enough, also under the control of three other "rent collecting agencies"—and, stranger yet, the flat in Homantin Street was found to have already been taken when our reporter, playing the sucker, went to have a "look-over."

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Furthermore, what right has a sitting tenant to demand money for giving up possession of the flat?" went on the informant. "According to what I have heard about this racket, much of this taking-over business is worked with the connivance of the landlords, and, in some cases, by the landlords."

"A case which came to my notice was that of a man who paid \$350 for the privilege of taking over a \$45-per-month flat, containing some partitions and electric lights and deposit for the lights. After a tenancy of six months, he received letter from the landlord demanding an increase of \$10 per month—or else give up possession. Being a new tenant, and so outside the protection of the Prevention of the Eviction Ordinance, he was forced to comply with the demand for increased rent."

The amounts asked as "tea money" for the foreign-type flats were so small as to give rise to the suspicion that they were trial balloons and that, in the not too distant future, the sum would be considerably larger, as for Chinese flats the "tea money" asked for invariably amounts to five or six months' rent.

In another article, published on March 28, the Hongkong Daily Press asked: "Is there any reason why this iniquitous demand, with its many ramifications of commissions and tips, cannot be made a punishable offence?" When interviewed, a certain legal practitioner gave as his considered opinion that Government could do nothing as the demand being made by persons other than the actual owners of the flats, it did not constitute an infringement of the Rents Restriction Ordinance.

There was nothing, he added, to prevent people from carrying

on a commission business so long as that business was a legal one.

SHAMELESS VICTIMISATION

"If the Government can control exports, movements of persons, prices of essential commodities and imports of various articles, it should be able to put an immediate check to this shameless victimisation of the public."

The unofficial members of the Legislative Council, should, at least, bring this matter to the "remote ears of the Government" at the earliest possible moment and so assist in smashing the racket which has flourished in Shanghai and which has undoubtedly flocked into this Colony.

Among those who left Hongkong on Saturday for San Francisco were Mrs. C. M. Capen, Master K. M. Capen, Miss C. R. Capen, and Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Capen.

His Excellency the Governor will be present at the meeting to inaugurate the appeal now being made by the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China for Orthopaedic Centres in Free China, at the Hongkong Hotel on today at 4:30 p.m.

Government Notification 656 appointing Mr. Frederick Filippance, F.L.S., to be Controller of Firewood and Government Notification 659 on the delegation to him by the Stores Controller of powers relating to firewood under regulation 50 of the Defence Regulations, 1940, both published on May 30, 1941, are hereby cancelled.

The Hon. Mr. Andrew Luck Shields has been appointed to act as a Member of the Authorised Architects Consulting Committee, to be a Member of the Appeal Tribunal, and to act as a Member of the Advisory Committee set up for the purposes of Regulation 18 of the Colonial Defence Regulations, during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell.

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INTENSE FIGHTING IN THE DIRECTION OF SMOLENSK

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter)—Today's Russian communiqué states that during last night intense fighting occurred in the directions of SMOLENSK and NOVORAD-YO LINSK.

Nothing of importance has occurred in other sectors of the front.

ITALIANS TO PREVENT CURRENCY INFLATION

ROME, July 20 (Reuter)—Steps taken by the Italian Government to prevent inflation were mentioned by the Finance Minister, Signor Thaom Di Revel, in a speech in Milan yesterday.

These steps were, firstly, a 60 per cent tax increase in the value of real estate, secondly, energetic action to keep prices at their normal level, and thirdly, limitation of dividends and measures concerning rises in security prices.

Speaking of the gold problem, the Minister declared, according to the Stefani agency, that the flight of gold from the Continent had proved that it could very well be dispersed with.

"The classic conceptions of currency," he added, "must be regarded as out of date since the phenomenon of production is regulated by the supply of materials serving as purposes of economic production."

ENEMY POSTS AT TOBRUK RAIDED

CAIRO, July 20 (Reuter)—A series of nerve-wrecking raids on the enemy watching Tobruk continued on Friday for the third successive night.

Though the raid lasted only quarter of an hour the casualties inflicted and the prisoners taken, a nervous tension was created among the enemy.

Stealing silently across the few thousand yards between the opposing outposts, British and Indian patrols, carrying tommy-guns and hand grenades, suddenly sprang and shattered the stillness of the night with a hail of grenades and bullets on the enemy entrenched in a strong point.

Fifteen minutes later the patrols withdrew with equal suddenness with their prisoners.

Commenting on these tactics which are proving costly to the enemy in men and material, military circles in Cairo contrast them with the Italian method which is to operate from the air which, unlike land operations, produces neither casualties nor formation.

Military circles are reluctant to give figures but hint that the casualties inflicted are at least as strong as the patrols themselves.

Rumanians Masters In Their Own Country

BUCHAREST, July 20 (Reuter)—"The Rumanians will, in truth, be masters in their own country," said General Antonescu on Saturday. This phrase occurred not in a speech to Rumanians in general but in a proclamation to the inhabitants of Bessarabia and Bukovina (included in the Soviet Union when the Russian frontier was advanced to the River Pruth).

By the blood of the Rumanian heroes and of their brave allies, the Germans, Gen. Antonescu said, the enemy had been driven from Rumania's ancestral soil.

He declared that he would himself personally supervise the re-organisation of the two provinces and urged the inhabitants to further work for national recovery.

SZECHUEN LAND TAX

CHUNGKING, July 20 (Reuter)—The Ministry of Food announces that the Szechuan land tax will probably total 6,000,000 piculs of foodstuffs yearly.

SYRIAN AIR ACTIVITIES TOLD BY AIR COMMODORE

JERUSALEM, July 20 (Reuter)—How the R.A.F. and the Royal Australian Air Force put the Vichy air force virtually out of action after the first few days of the Allied advance into Syria was described by Air Commodore L. O. Brown, who was in immediate command of the Allied air operations in Syria.

"Although there were ten squadrons opposing us," Commodore Brown says, "after the first few days when their aerodromes came within our operational range action against us was practically negligible."

WORK OF R.A.F.

Commodore Brown emphasised the work of R.A.F. Bomber squadrons during the Syrian campaign restricted as it was by the paramount consideration of the British command not to cause avoidable loss of life and destruction of Syrian property. At the same time the allies were determined to evict Axis agents from Syria.

"Second Lieutenant Prokopenko's bomber plane has brought down 12 Fascist aircraft."

The communiqué continues to give details of Lieut. Prokopenko's exploit.

CAPTURE CLAIMED

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter)—The capture of Novograd-Volinsk, 130 miles west of Kiev is claimed by the German official News Agency.

A great part of the work fell on fighters which particularly were successful in attacking opposing planes on the ground, putting them out of action with the minimum of casualties and damage.

Germans Paying Dearly For Every Square Mile Of Russian Territory Invaded

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter)—The progress of the Russo-German war is lengthily reviewed by the London Times in an editorial which says that the end of the fourth week of the German onslaught finds the Russian armies everywhere resisting in good order and, despite their ordeal, with unabated courage and confidence.

There is no sign at all of the break on which Hitler must have counted, either in the military or the political front.

The spirit of the Russians is indomitable in the line, behind the line and indeed in front of the line, where resistance is constantly springing up to embarrass the invader in territory already occupied by him.

Hitler is being made to pay dearly for every square mile of Russian territory invaded by him in the past four weeks.

Russian Raid On Ploesti

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO OIL FIELDS

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter)—Oil plant damage at Ploesti, estimated at 200,000,000 lei, is principally in an area where the Red Air Force left a refinery ablaze as well as stills and car loading equipment.

The refinery burned for 18 hours and is now burnt out.

Eighteen tanks and 200,000 tons of petroleum products were destroyed.

In the opinion of experts even if repair materials were available immediately, it would take six months to restore the damage.

CONCRETE PROOF

First concrete proof that the Rumanian oil fields have been hard hit by Soviet bombing was provided when it was authorities learned in Ankara that Rumania had been forced to inform Turkish oil importers that the amount of their oil and petrol imports from Rumania would be drastically cut.

So said Martin Agronsky, National Broadcasting Corporation correspondent, broadcasting from Ankara early yesterday.

"On the Finnish front, further successes have been scored. At a number of points on the east front, desperate attempts of encircled Russian troops to break through have been frustrated.

"The enemy suffered heavy and bloody losses."

MIDLANDS RAID. In the fight against Great Britain, German bombers last night bombed military targets in the Midlands and East England.

Last night British bombers dropped high explosives and incendiaries at a few places in North-West Germany, especially Hanover.

"No damage to military targets or industrial targets was effected. Night fighters brought down one of the attacking bombers."

Kishinev Blazing

ROME, July 20 (Reuter)—Kishinev in Bessarabia has been blazing for three days and all efforts made by Rumanian soldiers to quench the flames have failed.

This was admitted on the Rome Radio today, which adds:

"Part of the population which managed to escape from the Red savages relate how the Russians set fire to every house in the city when they saw that they would have to retreat."

Chinese Government Has No Intention To Launch Punitive Expedition Against Communist Army

CHUNGKING, July 20 (Reuter)—The Chinese Government has no intention to launch a punitive expedition against the Chinese Communist Army, Reuter was authoritatively informed.

The announcement regarding the hostile action of the Communist Army was made for the following reasons:

Firstly, since the new 4th Army incident, the Chinese Communist Army has been persistently attacking the Central Government forces on various fronts in the past few months though the Central forces are strictly forbidden to take retaliatory action;

Secondly, it is hoped the Communists will co-operate with the Government like the Communists in England and America, but Communists in China only intensified subversive activities.

While the Central Government had telegraphed General Chu Teh hoping that the Communists would check their hostile action, it is believed the announcement would make the facts known in the hope that the world public opinion would influence the attitude of the Chinese Communists.

KEEN INTEREST The sudden announcement by the Chinese High Command that the 18th Group Army (Communist Army) is taking arbitrary action in attacking Central Government forces is arousing keen interest and speculation among all circles.

The announcement says the National Military Council has already telegraphed General Chu Teh, C.-in-C. of the Communist forces ordering him to check the hostile action and withdraw to the original positions but no reply has so far been received.

The announcement enumerates the hostile actions on the part of the 18th Group Army in Shansi and Shantung.

"One detachment of the 18th Group Army at dawn on July 8 attacked the Central Government forces south of the Hungtung highway. Another Communist detachment on the morning of July 12 attacked Changte and took prisoner of Sun Pei-wen, Magistrate of the district.

PUSHED SOUTH

Other Communist detachments pushed southward into the Taiyao mountains, menacing the Central troops and appointing their own magistrates.

Three thousand Communist troops belonging to the 115th Division of the 18th Group Army on July 8 suddenly attacked one brigade of the Central Government troops in Western Shantung.

MOSCOW DEFENCES

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter)—Moscow is defended by 12 concentric rings of A.A. guns and an army of several dozen divisions is massed behind Moscow.

This information, gleaned from travellers who have just left Russia, was reported in an Istanbul message to Vichy yesterday.

Determined To Pull This Thing Off And Make End Of Hitler

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20 (Reuter)—"I promise you our people are determined with your help to pull this thing off and make an end of Hitler" declared LORD HALIFAX, the British Ambassador to the Americans when he addressed workers at the huge Todd-California Shipyards at Richmond, California, where ships are being built for Britain.

Lord Halifax said that no single industry was more vital to Britain than shipbuilding and none were more deserving than the merchant seamen of all nationalities who had been working with Britain.

Lord Halifax added: "Hitler will know more about bombing during the next six months than he has ever known before because we will be able to give Hitler back as good or better than he has given us."

The report was attributed to a well-informed source in a Central European country.

The report added that the questions they will probably discuss include the situation on the eastern front, the replacement of German occupation troops by Italian in some areas, the prospect of a fight against England and the position of France.

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HITLER TO MEET MUSSOLINI AT BRENNER PASS

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter)—A report that Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini are to meet at the Brenner Pass in the next few days was broadcast by the Moscow Radio last night.

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THAI AND INDO-CHINA

Agreement On Financial Matters Reached

SAIGON, July 20 (Reuter)—It is officially announced that the THAILAND and INDO-CHINA delegations to the monetary conference reached an agreement on financial matters under discussion including exchange currencies and territory ceded to Thailand by the armistice.

The Indo-China Finance Controller and Prince Vivavannajai, respective heads of the delegations, declared that the discussions were conducted in a most friendly atmosphere and both sides were satisfied at the outcome.

Thailand will commence occupation of the ceded areas on July 24 and complete the occupation on Aug. 1.

The new frontier takes in two small areas in the Laos province and the area bounded by the Mekong River on the fifteenth parallel to just beyond Angkor, then due south to the great lake and then follows the boundary of Battambang Province to the former national frontier 25 miles from the sea.

ment officials still contend that no direct or indirect representations have been received from Japan and thought that the new Japanese Cabinet will likely take a short time to settle down.

WIDESPREAD HAVOC

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FISHING RIGHTS Thailand obtains equal fishing rights of the whole great lake and a majority of Indo-China's teak forests which were formerly exploited by French monopoly expiring 1940 and not renewed.

Thai quarters consider the new territory under-populated and capable of considerably greater exploitation.

Thailand is paying Indo-China 6,000,000 piculs, spread over six years on the agreed value of Indo-Chinese Government property taken over and the return of Hanol tomorrow with the whole staff presents a new factor in the situation in South Indo-China.

It is officially explained that the move is due to the necessity to move to "routine matters" by Hanol due to the Government's long absence, and it is stated that the return to Saigon is possible by the middle of August.

It was originally intended to stay for several weeks in Saigon.

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towns in the area are being destroyed, and the German

people are beginning to appreciate that the war which they

hoped to wage on territory other

than their own is being fought to their doors.

steps are quickly being taken.

BRITISH AID TO RUSSIA WOULD NOT BE STINTED

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter)—Geography made it difficult for Britain to give direct help to Russia between now and the autumn rains, said the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, yesterday.

However, we were doing all we could and would not stint our effort.

The Russian soldiers, he said, were fighting stubbornly and valiantly, as always in defence of their homes, but they had never fought so well before.

Answering in advance any peace move by Hitler, Sir Archibald said the days of appeasement were past.

AIR WARFARE

The Air Minister revealed that Blenheim bombers alone in the last five months had sunk 300,000 tons of German shipping and had damaged an equal amount.

The strength of the R.A.F. was growing steadily, he declared, and as the nights grew longer the Bomber Command would strike more heavily against the heart of Germany.

Sir Archibald said the struggle might be long and we might have to endure worse things but we would not flinch and would come to no arrangement with Hitler and his gang.

AFTER THE WAR

Sir Archibald said: "After the war, when the world will be ready for revolt against tyranny and dictatorship, it will be our task to provide bread and a strong rallying ground for those who think with us in putting first among all political causes the cause of freedom."

Referring to aerial warfare he said the R.A.F. were fighting at extreme range over enemy territory and they had destroyed on the average more than twice the number of German aircraft that Britain had herself lost.

SINO CONSULATE IN LISBON

CHUNGKING, July 20 (Reuter)—The Chinese Foreign Office spokesman yesterday officially announced the establishment of a Chinese Consulate-General in Lisbon "due to the necessities of the current situation."

The spokesman also announced that "in a reshuffle of Chinese diplomatic personnel" the Chinese Government has temporarily closed the Chinese Legation in Denmark.

He emphasised, however, that the step does not affect relations between China and Denmark.

RONALD CROSS RECALL DEMANDED

SYDNEY, July 20 (Reuter)—Fifty Un'ion delegates representing 10,000 permanent-way employees of New South Wales railways passed a resolution demanding the immediate recall of the British High Commissioner, Sir Ronald Cross, in view of his recent utterings on our ally Russia."

MEDICAL TEST FOR BUSMEN ADVOCATED

The desirability of keeping a tight check on the issuing of licences to drivers and conductors of public vehicles, so that the spread of infectious diseases to the least, is urged in the annual report of Vehicles, Major William Rose.

"I am anxious to tighten up the issue of these licences even more than before," Major Rose writes in his report. "I feel that we should insist on a medical certificate as to fitness and freedom from infectious disease."

These drivers are in charge of public service vehicles, and are in continuous contact with the public, and I feel that we should make sure that they will not spread infection."

The report adds that no licence is issued to public service drivers if in the opinion of the examining officer they are undesirable or have committed an offence of violence.

To check this, finger prints of applicants for licences for public service vehicles are, in addition to police tests taken, and inquiries into their criminal records, if any, made.

It is stated that during the year there was a great demand for drivers and conductors in the public service and careful selection had to be made.

"I shall do my best to carry on in India the work so successfully begun and to ensure the defence of India and the welfare of her soldiers."

Heavy Drain On Rumania's Oil Supplies

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter)—So heavy is the drain on Rumania's oil supplies that both Rumania herself and Italy have had to take emergency steps to conserve supplies.

In Rumania the use of private cars on Sundays and holidays is banned, according to Budapest radio.

Motorists caught breaking the ban will be liable to a maximum of six years imprisonment with hard labour and confiscation of the car.

In Italy the sale of petrol for private cars is forbidden as from October 1 "because of the constantly growing difficulties of getting supplies."

ROTTERDAM HAVOC

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter)—Photographs of the R.A.F. sensational raid on Rotterdam on Thursday, when 17 enemy ships were either destroyed or damaged, appeared in the London newspapers yesterday.

One picture shows bombs bursting on the docks, with huge fires blazing and heavy damage done on previous raids.

Another shows the city itself with our bombers roaring over and people in the streets quite unconcerned.

ENEMY CONVOY ATTACKED OFF DUTCH COAST

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter)—Bombers of the Bomber Command yesterday morning made a highly successful attack on an enemy convoy, escorted by anti-aircraft, of ships off the Dutch coast.

Four ships in the convoy were probably destroyed. Three each of about 8,000 tons, were set on fire and a fourth of about 4,000 tons was blown up after it was on the stern.

A communiqué added that an explosion was seen in one of the escorting vessels after it has been machine-gunned.

On Saturday afternoon heavy bombers escorted by fighters bombed the docks at Dunkirk, four enemy fighters being destroyed by the escort.

From all these operations three of our bombers and two fighters are missing.

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter)—Arthur Ferrarin, Italian air ace, was killed in a flying accident on Friday. He crashed while trying out a new type of Italian plane. Ferrarin flew in the Italian team when Italy won the Schneider Trophy in England in 1928. In 1928 he flew from Rome to Brazil, winning a gold medal for his exploit. He taught the Duke of Aosta to fly.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT CHANGES?

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter)—The Ministry of Information is likely to be included in Government changes which are expected shortly.

It is generally believed in political circles in London that Mr. A. Duff-Cooper will relinquish this post and take up other duties.

There is varied speculation as to who his successor would be.

Mr. Brendan Bracken, the Prime Minister's 40-years-old Parliamentary private secretary, has been prominently mentioned to be a "possible."

VICHY CABINET RESHUFFLE

LONDON, July 20 (Reuter)—Indications that far-reaching changes in the French Cabinet are contemplated, were given yesterday by the Vichy news agency.

"The appointment of M. Pierre Pucheu as Minister of the Interior, coming after the replacement of Jean Achard by Pierre Caziot (former Minister of Agriculture) as Minister of Food, is regarded as indication of an extensive re-organisation of the Cabinet," says the agency.

"This enabled Admiral Darian to give French policy a new driving power and unity.

"It was decided at this time that when circumstances permitted, Ministers would again be placed at the head of big ministerial departments, and a start has now been made in this direction."

PRO-NAZI JOURNAL SUSPENDED

MONTEVIDEO, July 20 (Reuter)—The Uruguayan Government has decreed a fortnight's suspension of a local pro-Nazi newspaper for subversive articles attacking the democratic institutions.

MASS PRODUCTION OF U.S. PILOTS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—In conjunction with the nation's all-out defence programme, Uncle Sam is engaged in the mass production of aeroplane pilots and if recommendations of some Army officials are carried out will be turning out men with "wings" at the rate of 30,000 annually late in 1942. The air training programme already has been speeded up to such a degree that approximately 1200 youths now are receiving their "wings" every five weeks after completing in 30 weeks a rigid course that formerly took a year.

By June 30 the U.S. Army Air Corps expects to have 10,100 officers, 15,000 flying cadets, and 151,000 enlisted men, a 300 per cent. increase over the figures of a year ago. The current programme calls for training of 12,000 pilots annually and officials at Randolph Field concede that this could be accelerated if more training planes were available.

And it is certain that more trainers soon will be coming off the assembly lines because some army officials in Washington are urging that the pilot training programme be stepped up to 30,000 annually by the fall of next year. Visualising such a programme, Gen. George H. Brett, acting chief of the Air Corps said additional training schools would be required.

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Then comes the 10-week basic training at one of the nation's three air corps centres—Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala. Randolph Field, Texas; and Moffett Field, California.

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New Eyes For The Navies: Scouting The Seas By Air

"Frigates are the eyes of the fleet. I need ten more." These lines from Nelson's despatches to the Admiralty during the blockade of Toulon were typical of the frequent stress Britain's great naval leader placed on the value of a far-seeing watch over the enemy's movements. The more frigates Nelson could throw out ahead of his battle line the more effectively could he maintain contact with the foe, states the "Christian Science Monitor."

By posting lookouts aloft during the daytime, Nelson's long string of frigates kept the flagship informed by signal gun and code flags of the strength and whereabouts of the enemy and the course on which he was heading.

ENOUGH KNOWN

Already enough is known about

the Battle of Matapan to stress the part the British fleet's eyes aloft played in helping Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham to manoeuvre his fleet so as to bring the Italians to action. Planes sent out ahead of the British forces based at Alexandria are said to have spotted the Italian fleet which had been ordered to intercept a British merchant convoy, and to have reported by wireless the strength and direction of a raider force.

That the United States Navy is fully aware of the effectiveness of scouting the seas by air has long been proved by its pioneering development of naval air forces operating with the battle fleet from aircraft carriers, in scouting operations with the cruisers, and in long-range patrols from land bases.

TIMELY MOVE

It is this awareness which gives impact to still another timely move on the part of the United States to strengthen the Navy's air watch over the country's coastal ramparts—as shown in the plans now underway to construct some 48 non-rigid airships, more commonly known as blimps, for service above the sea approaches to commercial ports and naval bases.

These blimps will be used mainly on lookout service. They will be to America's shore defences what frigates were to Nelson before Aboukir and Trafalgar, or aeroplanes to Cunningham at Matapan.

Operating within easy range of its coastal bases, a blimp can sweep in a few hours an ocean area, a surface ship could hardly patrol in a day.

INCREASED RANGE

The lookout in a destroyer's crow's nest at a height of some 80 feet could see not more than twelve miles even with perfect

visibility. A blimp flying 500 feet above the water increases the range of human vision to 30 miles. Thus at a moderately higher altitude a blimp can patrol a belt of ocean 100 miles wide, and three times faster than the normal cruising speed of a surface ship.

POSSIBLE USE

Should the United States lease or lend blimps to Britain, the Royal Navy might use them in co-operation with its surface escorts between Canadian ports and a position on the coast of Ireland beyond the flying range of Nazi bombers based on the French Channel ports.

Airship convoys might also help the Royal Navy in thwarting raids on convoys by searching for powerful German surface ships in the western Atlantic.

The American Navy's aeronautical specialists believe blimps can be developed to the point where they may alight on the water, ride to a sea anchor while being refuelled from surface tenders, tow listening devices for submarine detection work, and even engage in minesweeping operations.

BLIMP'S ADVANTAGES

The 75-knot, non-rigid airship falls short of the dirigible in speed and cruising endurance. Neither can it carry aeroplanes. The blimp has some 400,000 cubic feet of helium capacity, as compared with the Hindenburg's 7,000,000 cubic feet of gas cells. The blimp's relative smallness and the flexibility of the gas "bag" apparently combine to minimize its vulnerability to storms.

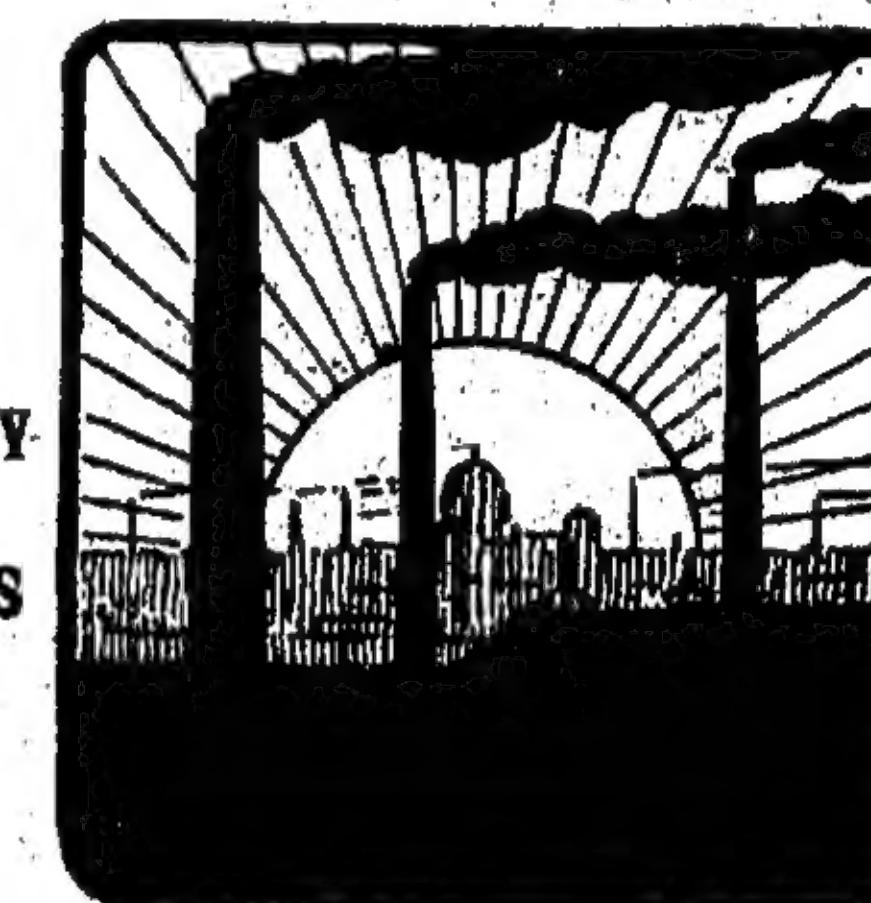
A blimp costs about \$200,000, and its active life is estimated at five years. Blimp bases, hangars, mooring masts and helium storage facilities are relatively cheap and easy to build and maintain. They lend themselves to servicing and

shelter in mobile bases, such as mooring masts secured to tractors.

The chief advantage of blimps as compared with dirigibles aside from engineering aspects—is that in building a fleet of 48 non-rigid airships the Navy is not putting

all its eggs in one crow's nest. Now it appears that the Navy is prepared to assign the new airships to mainland and island bases, from Newfoundland to Puerto Rico and from Panama to Hawaii and Alaska, with two or three blimps to base.

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Allis Chalmers	294	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	291
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Anaconda Copper	284	Northern Pacific	64
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	294	Packard Motors	23
Aviation Corp.	34	Paramount Pictures	112
Baldwin Locomotive Co.	158	Pennsylvania R.R.	241
Baltimore & Ohio	34	Phillips Petroleum	423
Barnard Oil	10	Pullman Inc.	274
Bendix Aviation	38	Pure Oil	94
Bethlehem Steel	741	Radio Corp. of Am.	4
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Boeing Airplane Co.	168	Remington Arms Co. Inc.	44*
Borg-Warner	198	Republi Aviation Corp.	34
Briggs Mfg. Co.	20	Republi Steel	198
Bridg M'facturing Corp	44	Reynold Tobac. "B"	33
Canadian Pacific	41	Schenley Distillers	114
Celanese Corp.	24*	Shell Union Oil	14
Chesapeake & Ohio	384	Socome-Vacuum Oil	95
Chrysler	568	Southern Pacific	12
Columbia Gas & Elec	3	Southern Rly \$5 pf.	281
Commercial Credit Co	254	Spicer Manufacturing Co	37
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Inter. Paper & Power	174	Libby, McNeil	—
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1941			
High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	July 18, 1941.
123.40	116.30	20	Industrials
29.75	26.54	20	Rails
20.66	17.22	15	Utilities
92.18	89.66	40	Bonds
74.18	65.44	11	Commodity Index
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War Loan, 3 1/4% (Red. after 1952) 100-15/18

Defence Loan, 3% 100%

Canton-K'loon Rly. 5% 9

Chinese 4% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 43

Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 1926/47 45

Chin. 4% Anglo-French Loan, 1908 43

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912 27

Chinese 5% Regn. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 36

Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers) 88

Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan 54

Honan Rly. 5% 1905 13

Hukuang Rly. 5% 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue) 14

Hukuang Rly. 6% 1911 (German Issue) 12

Lung Tsin & U. H. Rly. 6% 1913 10

Shai-Nking Rly. 5% 1944 (Brit. Std.) 12

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% 1925 (Brit. Std.) 12

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Std.) 12

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Gen. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924 44

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July 0/3-1/4

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Spot \$5-11/32

July 5-11/32

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Market—Quiet

Ready 63-00-1

Aug. 18 Settlement 63-00-0

Sept. 17 Settlement 63-15-6

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Aug. 18 Settlement 63-00-0

Sept. 17 Settlement 63-15-6

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Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 13/8

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Considerable Interest In Gen. Decoux's Departure

SAIGON, July 20 (Reuter)—News of the Indo-China Governor-General's sudden departure from Hanoi has caused lively interest here.

The Governor-General regularly moves from Hanoi to Saigon or Dalat during the summer months, when Hanoi is desperately hot and it had previously been announced that he would not return to Hanoi this year until the end of August.

It is pointed out here, however, that it is premature to assume that this sudden alteration of an announced schedule with Gen. Decoux departing today for Hanoi—which is the seat of the Japanese military mission to Indo-China—is connected with reported Japanese plans to penetrate into south Indo-China.

The Japanese delegation to complete the hand-over of the territory ceded to Thailand by Indo-China is due to arrive at Hanoi any day now and it is possible that Gen. Decoux and his staff had merely gone there in order to meet them.

RETURNING TODAY

SAIGON, July 20 (Reuter)—It was announced this afternoon that the Governor-General is returning to Hanoi on Monday with his whole staff.

PALERMO HARBOUR RAIDED BY R.A.F.

CAIRO, July 20 (Reuter)—Guns and destroyers in the Palermo harbour were bombed by the R.A.F. on Thursday night, announces yesterday's Middle East R.A.F. communiqué which states:

In Cyprus—R.A.F. fighters engaged two Junkers 88s which dropped bombs on Cyprus on Friday.

In Sicily—Heavy bombers carried out another successful attack during the night on July 18 on an enemy cruiser and destroyers in Palermo harbour. Bombs were dropped on or near the warships but the full results could not be observed owing to smoke.

Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed the aerodromes at Gerini and Augusta and on Sicily.

In Cyrenaica—Night attacks were carried out on the port of Derna and at Bardia. Direct hits were made on the Mole of Cerna and a number of fires were started. There was one very large fire, followed by a vivid explosion which illuminated the interior of the bomber, three miles away. From these operations all our aircraft returned safely.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE From 21 to 27 July 1941.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Mon.	21	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		08 41	6 4	00 07	3 2
		20 59	3 8	14 18	1 6
Tues.	22	07 23	6 8	01 57	3 2
		21 36	4 0	14 49	1 2
Wed.	23	08 01	7 1	01 37	3 2
		23 03	4 2	15 26	0 7
Thu.	24	08 37	7 4	02 19	2 2
		23 34	4 4	16 04	0 5
Fri.	25	09 17	7 5	02 59	2 9
		23 03	4 8	16 38	0 4
Sat.	26	10 02	7 5	03 28	2 8
		22 38	4 7	17 18	0 5
Sun.	27	10 46	7 3	04 28	2 6
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AERIAL MENACE FORESEEN

BOSTON.—While mechanical geniuses of all ages have dabbled with the idea of an air machine, there was one inventor of a flying boat around 1670 who remains largely unknown today, yet whose contribution might well be held up as a model for consideration by future inventors.

It cannot be said that the learned Francesco Lana of Brescia, Italy was a greater inventor than Leonardo da Vinci, whose models of aeroplanes and parachutes were backed by the closest calculations in physics, nor a greater visionary than the poet Gray of "Elegy" fame, who in 1737 dreamed of the "long-drawn battle in the skies."

But he was a greater humanitarian than all, for though he was sure he had invented a great flying-boat, he felt that humanity could not be trusted with such an invention and so refused to proceed with his plans.

Professor Lana's great work, "Prodromo," published in 1670, proved him to be one of the greatest natural scientists of his day. While the book deals with all manner of new inventions the fifth and sixth chapters contain a full discussion of aerial navigation, with full details of the invention of the flying boat.

This device consisted of four copper globes, each 25 feet in diameter, from which the air was to be extracted, leaving a vacuum.

It was to be guided by triangular sails, or rudders. The inventor believed that, with the weight of the air removed, the ship would rise. Atmospheric pressure had been discovered in 1643, but unfortunately for the inventor, the exact pressure and specific gravity of the air was not known until two years after his book was published.

LACK OF MONEY

Owing to lack of money Professor Lana was unable to make practical experiments, but almost two centuries after, in 1843, a Frenchman named Marey Monge, built a machine on his specifications, which, however, failed to work.

The remarkable passage in Professor Lana's chapter on flight, which appears in quite a prophetic light, in view of the experiences that have come to modern civilization, has been translated as follows:

"God will not suffer such an invention to take effect, by reason of the disturbance it would cause to the civil government of men. No city can be secure against such an attack. Ships may at any time be placed directly over it, and de-

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The attack off Norway was made by Beaufort aircraft.

One of the R.A.F. observers said later: "As we went over the coast, Norwegians came to the doors of their houses and waved to us, and fishermen stood up in their boats.

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